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1. Attached is a cable from USLO on some personal aspects of the Purge. Some of the sycophants like the clown who wrote the Yellow River Concerto deserve to be strung up (I can't count the number of times I listened to that thing) but it also makes some of them, like the Ping Pong player Chuang, a little more human.

2. Stape Roy, Harry Thayer's deputy at State, told me on Friday (26 November) that State had nothing in yet on Tom Gates' future plans. Stape said he would let me know when they heard something definite. Stape would not necessarily know what was going on if Gates were using the White House Commo channel

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Cable

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SUBJ: SOVIET EMBOFF COMMENTS ON RECENT CHINESE CRITICISM
SESSIONS

1, WITH AIR OF ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE SOVIET EMBOFF (ZHEMCHUGOV--
PROTECT) TOLD USLO OFFICER NOVEMBER 26 THAT VICE FOREIGN
MINISTER HO YING HAS BEEN NAMED "ACTING" FOREIGN MINISTER.
HO WAS JUMPED ABOVE MORE SENIOR VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS
BECAUSE HE ALONE HAD STEPPED FORWARD "ABOUT THREE WEEKS
AGO" TO CRITICIZE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA.
ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET EMBOFF DID NOT PROFESS TO KNOW THE
CONTENT OF HO'S ALLGED CRITICISM OF CHIAO, HE MAINTAINED
THAT IT DID NOT INVOLVE ACTIVITIES OR CONNECTIONS OF
CHIAO'S WIFE CHANG HAN-CHIH.

2, THE SOVIET EMBOFF ALSO CLAIMS KNOWLEDGE OF A
CRITICISM SESSION HELD NOVEMBER 8 AT THE PEKING WORKERS'
STADIUM. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION THREE OFFICIALS
WERE REQUIRED TO DELIVER SELF-CRITICISMS:

A) MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH LIU HSIANG-PING
(THE WIFE OF DECEASED PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER AND
PROBABLY CHIANG CHING ALLY HSIEH FU-CHIH). LIU WAS
REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN HER ROLE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF "HER
DAUGHTER" HSIEH CHING-YI, A PROMINENT RADICAL.

B) MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE PHYSICAL CULTURE
AND SPORTS COMMISSION CHUANG TSE-TUNG.

C) YELLOW RIVER CONCERTO COMPOSER AND REPUTED

OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE YIN CHENG CHUNG.
BOTH CHUANG AND YIN WERE SAID TO HAVE MAINTAINED

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ILLICIT LINKS--INCLUDING SEXUAL--WITH CHIANG CHING.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET EMBOFF, A SHADOWY "ORGANIZATION OFFICE" UNDER THE POLITBURO IS PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE NEW LEADERSHIP. A KEY FIGURE IN THIS "OFFICE" IS SHIH CHING-YEH (STC 4258/2417/6851), CONCERNING WHOM NEITHER THE EMBOFF NOR USLO HAS ANY INFORMATION. (COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION IN DEPARTMENT OR HONG KONG FILES.)

4. QUOTING VIETNAMESE COLLEAGUES, THE SOVIET EMBOFF INDICATED THAT NANKING MILITARY REGION COMMANDER TING SHENG IS IN POLITICAL DIFFICULTY, APPARENTLY MORE FOR INEPTITUDE THAN FOR QUESTIONABLE LINKS WITH THE "GANG OF FOUR." THE MAIN THRUST OF THE CASE AGAINST TING IS THAT HE PERMITTED CHANG CHUN-CHIAO TO INFILTRATE SUPPORTERS OF THE "GANG OF FOUR" INTO HIS MILITARY REGION, ESPECIALLY AS POLITICXZ COMMISSARS.

5. COMMENT: THE SOVIET EMBOFF'S DISCUSSION IN SAME SESSION OF THE CONTENTS OF CENTRAL DOCUMENT 18 AND 19 PARALLELED OUR OWN INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. WE ARE INCLINED TO CREDIT MOST OF HIS OTHER INFORMATION AS REPORTED ABOVE, BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO CONCLUDE THAT AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN SPECIALIST HO YING HAS BEEN TAPPED TO REPLACE CHIAO KUAN-HUA AS FOREIGN MINISTER, GATES